

Minutes of

New Richmond Village Council

DAYTON LEGAL BLANK, INC., FORM NO. 10148

Held

July 26, 2011

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July 26, 2011**COUNCIL MEETING**

New Richmond Village Council met in Council Chambers in regular session on Tuesday, July 26, 2011 at 7pm. Present: Richard Hilt, Gary Skeene, Richard Mathews, Nicholas Wolf, Jack Conners and Winnie Cochran - members; Ramona Carr, Mayor; Donna Hammons, Clerk; David Kennedy, Administrator and Lynn Baird, Fiscal Officer.

Also attending:

Bob Beiser – 2740 St. Rt. 132
 Judy Bandy – 208 Front Street
 Paul Vonderbosch – 208 River Valley Boulevard
 Patrick Blair – 101 Light's Point
 Bill Marsh – 2423 Country Place
 Richard Feldkamp – 728 Washington Street

Mayor Carr opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of July 12th were presented for approval. Mathews motioned to approve. Seconded by Conners.

Mr. Hilt: yes

Mr. Wolf: yes

Mr. Skeene: yes

Mr. Conners: yes

Mr. Mathews: yes

Mr. Cochran: abstain – absent

Lynn Baird, Fiscal Officer:

Baird presented estimates of future loss in revenue. Due to changes in the state budget the Village will experience immediate reduction in tangible person property reimbursement, SB3 or “deregulation” reimbursement and the local government fund. The loss of the general operating levy begins 2012 and the closing of the Beckjord Power Station should take effect by 2016 if not sooner. By 2016 the combined loss in revenue could be as much as \$750,000 per year.

David Kennedy, Administrator:

Issue II pre-applications are due August 3rd. We are proposing the submittal of an application for the replacement of the water main, which feeds the village reservoir. The main has needed numerous repairs and the valves along Caroline Street are leaking. The total project cost is \$163,820. We are proposing a 11% local match resulting in a total grant request of \$145,8 and local match of \$18,020. Hilt motioned to suspend the three reading rule. Seconded by Skeene.

Mr. Hilt: yes

Mr. Wolf: yes

Mr. Skeene: yes

Mr. Conners: yes

Mr. Mathews: yes

Mr. Cochran: yes

Hilt motioned to adopt **RESOLUTION 2011-19 AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR TO SUBMIT A STATE ISSUE II, OHIO PUBLIC WORKS**

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COMMISSION (OPWC) GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE WATER RESERVOIR MAIN REPLACEMENT PROJECT AND COMMITTING A LOCAL FUNDING MATCH AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Seconded by Skeene.

Mr. Hilt: yes
 Mr. Skeene: yes
 Mr. Mathews: yes

Mr. Wolf: yes
 Mr. Conners: yes
 Mr. Cochran: yes

Howard Kuhnell and the Planning Commission have been working for months on a total rewrite of the village zoning ordinance. The proposed revisions are being submitted by sections for approval by council rather than one final document. Presented are the Planning Commission's recommendations for cases #2011-1 and #2011-2. Setting a public hearing for September 13th. Hilt motioned to accept the reports and set the public hearing. Seconded by Mathews.

Mr. Hilt: yes
 Mr. Skeene: yes
 Mr. Mathews: yes

Mr. Wolf: yes
 Mr. Conners: yes
 Mr. Cochran: yes

Kennedy gave the members a copy of a letter to Mr. Tim McCarthy, 208 Main Street. Mr. McCarthy had a backup of raw sewage in his basement. It was determined the backup was caused by debris which was in the sewer main in front of the property and a one time payment was made for cleanup. David Schafer, owner of the property and McCarthy, renter, were both informed of the need of a backflow device installed in the basement to prevent future backups.

Richard Hilt, Finance/Personnel Committee:

The meeting was held to discuss the request of New Richmond Riverfest, Inc. for a donation towards the fireworks at Riverdays.

Mathews – This is a function that draws many people into town, which results in better sales for local businesses. I feel we should support some kind of donation.

Mayor Carr – Having listened to our Fiscal Officer just report about the amount of money we will be losing I think we should be watching our expenditures. I have mixed feelings about this.

Mathews – This could be a sensitive issue. They need money to put on a better show.

Skeene – I am an officer of Riverdays and so do not want to say much, but the event has always been to promote the village.

Cochran – Shouldn't the businesses that benefit from Riverdays donate towards the fireworks.

Richard Feldkamp, Riverdays – The fireworks cost \$11,500. We receive \$5,000 from E. C. Nurre Funeral Homes and \$2,500 from River Hills Bank. Frisch's sponsors the Cincinnati Zoo Animals. I've talked with the Mayor about possibly moving Riverdays to the 4th of July and Riverdays has discussed this at a meeting. But factors like the carnival rides, etc. have to be looked at.

Carr – We receive complaints, but yet no one volunteers to help these organizations.

Wolf – If the 4th and Riverdays were combined would the fireworks still be at \$11,500? Feldkamp – Yes.

Cochran – Riverdays is a good thing. I will donate my council pay for the month of August and challenge the rest of council to do the same. Mathews and Wolf agree.

Mayor Carr will make a donation.

Hilt – I prefer this to the village donating money. Riverdays is a private organization and considering the condition of the village funds I feel is this the proper way.

Old Business:

Finance/Personnel Committee will review employee evaluations and salary schedules at their next meeting.

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Safety/Laws/Rules Committee will review parking problems during high water, yellow painted curbs and dogs running loose at their next meeting. Public Works/Parks/Recreation Committee has determined the village does not have the money to relocate the Skate Park to Plum Street Park. Kennedy is getting bids for the demolition of the old water plant. Economic Development Committee to review compliance with the boat harbor lease. Advertise for harbor space when current lease is expired.

THIRD READING OF ORDINANCE 2011-11 AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE – MINIMUM-LANDSCAPING REQUIREMENTS. Hilt motioned to adopt. Seconded by Cochran.

Mr. Hilt: yes	Mr. Wolf: yes
Mr. Skeene: yes	Mr. Conners: yes
Mr. Mathews: yes	Mr. Cochran: yes

Hilt motioned to suspend the three reading rule. Seconded by Skeene.

Mr. Hilt: yes	Mr. Wolf: no
Mr. Skeene: yes	Mr. Conners: yes
Mr. Mathews: yes	Mr. Cochran: yes

Hilt motioned to adopt **RESOLUTION 2011-18 TO PROCEED TO LEVY AN ADDITIONAL TAX EXCEEDING TEN-MILL LIMITATION.** Seconded by Skeene.

Mr. Hilt: yes	Mr. Wolf: no
Mr. Skeene: yes	Mr. Conners: yes
Mr. Mathews: yes	Mr. Cochran: no

CALL OF MEMBERS:

Cochran – Thinks council donations for fireworks instead of using village money is the best way to go.

Conners – Nothing to report.

Wolf – He is not opposed to the levy, but just doesn't feel it will pass so why put it on.

Mathews – Asked, regarding the water system, if the village is getting more money than we are spending. Including capital improvements. Should the village consider transferring the water plant to Tate-Monroe?

Cochran said the water and sewer plants are the only funds that 'make' money. But yes, we do not have to be in either the water or sewer business. Maybe somewhere down the line the village will sell them.

Skeene – Nothing to report.

Hilt – Water and sewer funds can only be used for operations of the water and sewer plants.

Skeene motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Mathews.

Mr. Hilt: yes	Mr. Wolf: yes
Mr. Skeene: yes	Mr. Conners: yes
Mr. Mathews: yes	Mr. Cochran: yes

Meeting adjourned at 7:59pm.

Mayor

[Signature]
Clerk of Council